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In re Application of: Claudio LACAGNINA)
Application No.: 10/581,915)
Filed: May 29, 2007) Group Art Unit: 1791
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRODUCING A SEMIFINISHED) Examiner: Knable, Geoffrey L.
PRODUCT FOR MANUFACTURING) Confirmation No.: 9007
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached Form PTO SB/08. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Each Japanese patent publication listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Notification and its English translation is enclosed. Applicant does not endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are also attached. Additionally, an English abstract and an English-language machine-translation of JP 2000-202925 are attached. Applicants also note that GB 2159185 is an English-language family member of JP61-3733.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

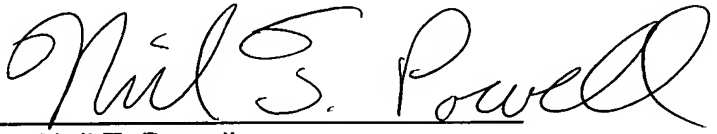
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please
charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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